

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.

PRELUDE In dich hab ich gehoffet, Herr Johann Pachelbel
In Thee Have I Put My Trust, O Lord

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

People: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

People: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 220** (blue hymnal) All People That on Earth Do Dwell *Old Hundredth*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***RESPONSE** Take, O Take Me as I Am John L. Bell

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O’Carroll

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Phil Barnette

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON “A Faith Community Wellness Exam” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 423** (red hymnal) Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life *Germany*
(Verses 1-4)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord’s Prayer

(During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.)

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY Carillons Jean Langlais

Handbell Choir

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 151** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Crown Him with Many Crowns *Diademata*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Johann Ludwig Krebs

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Laura Dupper and Don Byerly.

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOVEMBER: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Ben Hatmaker and Ethan Partelow

GREETERS (11:00): Bud and Carolyn Cunningham

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Grobe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Handbell Choir

SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel

USHERS:

(9:00) Connie Graham and Don Graham

(11:00) Dick Steinle, Joanne Steinle, Tim Ryan, Sue Caradine

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Dungan family in honor of all who work for peace and reconciliation. Included in today's arrangement are flowers from Anne's garden.

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS, composed by Parisian organist and composer Jean Langlais, evokes the sounds and colors of massive carillon bells and makes full use of harmonies we associate with twentieth-century French organ music and the composer in particular.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING the Chancel Choir and soloists, accompanied by strings, oboe, trumpet, and organ, will sing Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* as part of our observance of Christ the King Sunday. There will be one service that morning, at 11:00.

SHOW will attend the College Fair held at WPC this evening. See the college fair announcement for more details.

WAMS will be having Game Night from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the WAMS room.

FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON, Larry and Barbara Moir have requested supplies to share with their students in Ethiopia who do not go home for the holidays. Supplies needed include canned ham, baking cocoa, foil packed meats such as pepperoni and tuna, oatmeal, dried fruit, jam, granola bars, hot chocolate mix and leftover Halloween candy. Please place donations in the box located outside the kitchen. The supplies collected will be mailed November 17th.

OLIVE BRANCH OLIVE OIL is available for purchase. The cost is \$18 per bottle or \$184 for a case of 12 bottles. To order, please contact Anne Dungan. The proceeds from the sale of the oil go to support agricultural cooperatives in Palestine and the replanting of orchards destroyed by the Occupation in the West Bank. The oil will also be sold at our Alternative Christmas Bazaar on November 20.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

November 16

5:45-6:30 p.m. - Dinner

Our menu this week includes white chicken chili, salad, cornbread muffins and chocolate cookies. Chicken nuggets will be offered for children.

Donations are welcome to offset the cost of the meal.

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Programs

- There is a nursery for infants through age 4 and programs for K through 5th grade.
- The Knoxville Youth Jazz Orchestra will perform their inaugural concert in the Fellowship Hall.
- Youth may attend the concert or meet for fellowship in the SHOW room.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We're off to a great start.

As of Friday, 113 giving units have pledged \$468,621.

Let's keep it going!!

Christmas Stockings for the Salvation Army

Elementary Sunday School children will be filling Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army on Sunday, December 11th. Last year, with your help, we were able to fill 47 stockings that were given to children in our own community.

A collection box will be just outside the kitchen door for donations of items that will be needed or enjoyed by a child between the ages of 0 and 12. Suggestions include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, socks, hats, gloves, hair bows and barrettes, balls, small books, crayons, pencils, jump ropes, Play-doh, yo yo, small dolls, lip gloss, cars, nerf balls, puzzles, happy meal toys, kleenex, baby bottles, onesies, rattles, pacifiers, etc. The items need to fit into a large stocking.

Thank you so much for helping us with this very special project.

CAP (Caring for Aging Parents): The CAP support group will meet in the Library immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service today.

SONGS OF HEAVEN CD: On October 2, members of the chancel choir shared their talents with a tribute to the great African-American Concert Spirituals. The performance was recorded and now CDs are available to purchase for only \$10. Proceeds will go towards Friends of Music. There are 27 songs on the CD. They can be purchased in the church office.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Please join us for dinner and fellowship November 29th at 6:00 p.m. We'll meet at Puleo's Grill in the Deane Hill Center across from West Town Mall. RSVP by November 28th to Jan Gross at 584-0762 or tennyballj@aol.com.

THE FLOWER GUILD will be using dried hydrangeas this year in our Advent floral arrangements. If you have blossoms you would share with us, please call Linda Yates, Nancy Dean or Elizabeth Salsbery. We will be requesting other items from your gardens as we move closer to the holiday.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Experience

Prayer Room

Has the Church replaced Israel as God's people on Earth? Does the gospel of Christ supersede God's promises to the Jews? What is Christianity's relationship to Judaism today? For the next several weeks, the Bible Study class will read and discuss Romans 9, 10, and 11. Join us as we seek to understand God's word for us.

Faith and Transformation Class

McKinnon Room

Mudhouse Sabbath:

October 23-November 20

Seven Ways of Christian Formation Inspired by the Jewishness of Jesus

We continue this DVD series that challenges viewers to encounter the Jewish context that nurtured Jesus, explore spiritual practices of hospitality, mindful eating, prayer, fasting and mourning, and deepen their Christian faith by incorporating these things into their lives.

Parents' Spiritual Growth Group

Library

Members who are parenting children of any age meet with one another to discuss a range of parenting issues as well as the joy and challenge of cultivating one's spirituality in the midst of chaos and busy-ness.

Current Topics

Fellowship Hall

Serving the Vulnerable Populations of Knoxville

"Choices and Challenges for the Tennessee Health Insurance Marketplace" November 13

In 2014, 700,000 individuals and small businesses in Tennessee will be able to purchase affordable health insurance plans through the Tennessee Health Insurance Exchange, a competitive online marketplace for private health insurance (think "Travelocity for health insurance"). Decisions we make now about the design of our exchange will change how health insurance is bought and sold for decades to come. Please join Beth Uselton, Executive Director of the Tennessee Health Care Campaign, in a discussion about how Tennessee can shape our own version of health reform through the Exchange.

"Services and Reflections from the VMC-The Refuge" November 20

In another part of the VMC from where meals are served and clients with case workers gather, The Refuge sees poor and homeless clients on a one-on-one basis by appointment. Under the direction of the Refuge Director, volunteer counselors listen to people's problems and assist them with solutions. Refuge volunteers logged 4,607 hours last year while seeing 4,262 neighbors. Approximately 51% of these neighbors were homeless and the other 49% were marginally housed. Sally Gouffon, a 25-year volunteer, will share stories from her time at The Refuge and about the specific types of assistance offered there.

Alternative Christmas Bazaar
Sunday, November 20

Critters, craftwork, and Christmas cards will be featured at the yearly Alternative Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, November 20. Each of the items available is connected in some way to a deserving cause, so that we can be assured that our gifts embody the true meaning of Christmas.

At the event, the following will be available for purchase:

- Christmas cards from Rachel's Lament, an organization that provides schooling and job-training for very poor children in Kenya.
- Extra virgin, cold-pressed, fair-trade organic Olive Branch Olive Oil, supporting Palestinian olive farmers.
- Gift cards for FISH Hospitality Pantries, where a \$5 card will help feed a family of four for three days.
- Life-supporting purchases of farm animals from the Heifer Project.
- Gift cards for Habitat for Humanity donations.
- Africa Bags, from a non-profit organization that helps provide income for villages in Malawi through the sale of hand-made bags. Africa Bags are hand-crafted on foot powered treadle sewing machines in one of the 7 villages in Malawi, Africa. Each is hand signed with the village name on it. See their website at www.africabags.org for more information.

The Mission Team will sponsor the event between the morning services and after the 11:00 service. Bring your Christmas list to church on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and help those less fortunate in purchasing your gifts this year.

Presbyterian-Related College Fair
for High School Students & Parents
Sunday, November 13 - 6:30 p.m.

Representatives and materials from a variety of Presbyterian related colleges will be here to share about their schools and answer your questions. We have representation from Agnes Scott College, Centre College, Davidson College, King College, Lees-McRae College, Maryville College, Presbyterian College, Rhodes College, Warren Wilson College, and The College of Wooster. Materials from other schools will be available for information and preview.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a brief program on *Finding the Right College, Admission Tips*, and *Financial Aid* followed by a *Parade of Reps* at which time you'll hear something special about each school represented.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to get very helpful information on the college admissions process and to hear about the richness in programs offered by our Presbyterian related schools and broaden your options for your future education!

DONATIONS are being accepted for the Advent floral decorations. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey* edition of December 21st. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory/honor (circle one) of:

Given by:
